



ABSOLUTE POWER TIE-IN

# GREEN LANTERN

HAL  
JORDAN?

☒ CHECK

ADAMS  
PASARIN  
ALBERT  
FAJARDO JR.

WALLER'S  
WEAPON STASH?

☒ CHECK

ALSO FEATURING:  
WAR JOURNAL:  
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JOHNSON - MONTOS - LUCAS

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# BATMAN

## THE BARBARIAN

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**GREG SMALLWOOD**



HEROES YOU KNOW  
WORLDS YOU DON'T







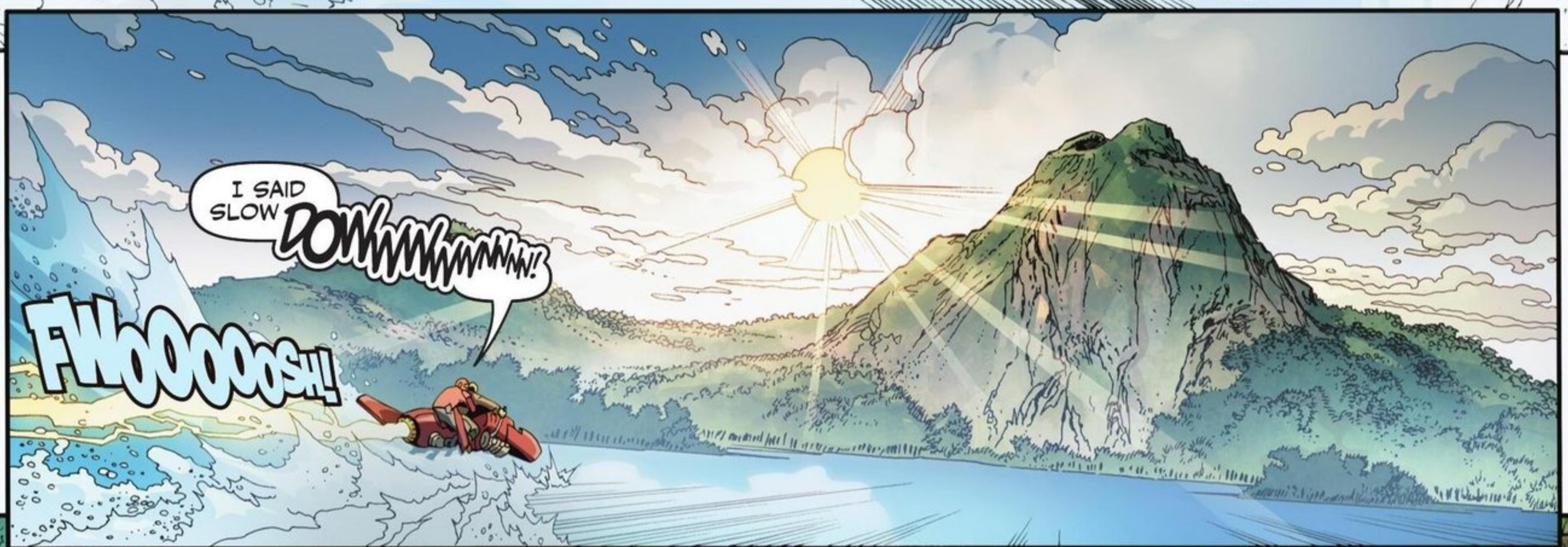
WHEN I SAID YOU COULD PILOT THE BIKE FOR THIS MISSION NIGHTWING WANTS US TO DO, I DIDN'T MEAN FOR YOU TO FIND ITS BREAKING POINT, **UNCLE HAL!**

COME ON, **FLASH!** THIS ISN'T EVEN CLOSE TO THE SPEED YOU'RE USED TO.

THAT WAS BEFORE MY POWERS WERE TAKEN! IF WE FALL GOING THIS FAST, WE **BETTER DIE**, OR **LINDA IS GOING TO KILL US!** SO MAYBE SLOW DOWN A LITTLE?

WHAT WAS THAT? **SPEED UP?** SURE!

*\*WHAT MISSION? CATCH UP TO HAL IN ABSOLUTE POWER #3!*



I SAID SLOW **DOWNNNNNNNNN!**

**FWOOOOOSH!**



I WONDER IF THIS IS WHAT LINDA FEELS LIKE WHEN I SPEED HER AWAY TO A DATE...

WHERE ARE WE?

BRUCE'S ISLAND. OR **ONE OF HIS ISLANDS.**



BRUCE HAS AN ISLAND?

OF COURSE HE DOES... HE'S A BILLIONAIRE. THEY PRACTICALLY HAND THEM TO YOU WHEN YOU'RE THAT WEALTHY.

NOT MANY KNOW ABOUT THIS ONE. HE ABANDONED IT A WHILE AGO AFTER HIS PROTOTYPE DIDN'T REALLY WORK OUT.

PROTOTYPE?



THIS PROTOTYPE...

**PRSSSHHHHHHHHHH!**





DUDE...

WALLY, LET  
ME INTRODUCE  
YOU TO THE  
BATWOLF.

AMANDA WALLER HAS WON.  
A PLANETWIDE BLITZKRIEG HAS ROBBED THE  
WORLD'S METAHUMANS OF THEIR  
SUPERPOWERS AND RESOURCES. THOSE FEW  
WHO HAVE THUS FAR EVADED CAPTURE ARE  
FUGITIVES ON THE RUN, HUNTED MERCILESSLY  
BY TASK FORCE VII, A REGIMENT OF  
UNSTOPPABLE AMAZONS BUILT BY WALLER'S  
ALLIES, FAILSAFE AND THE BRAINIAC QUEEN.

**ABSOLUTE  
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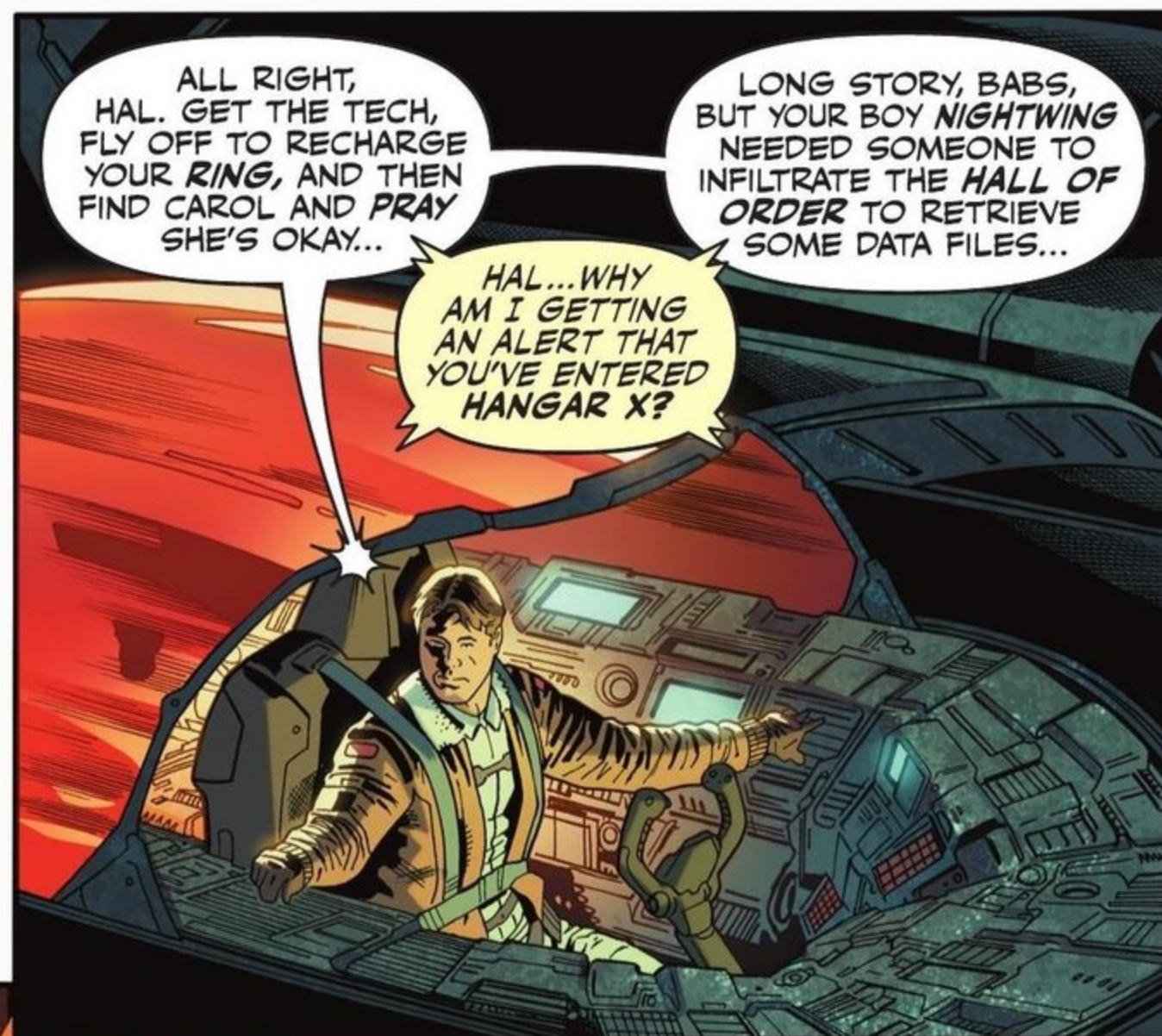
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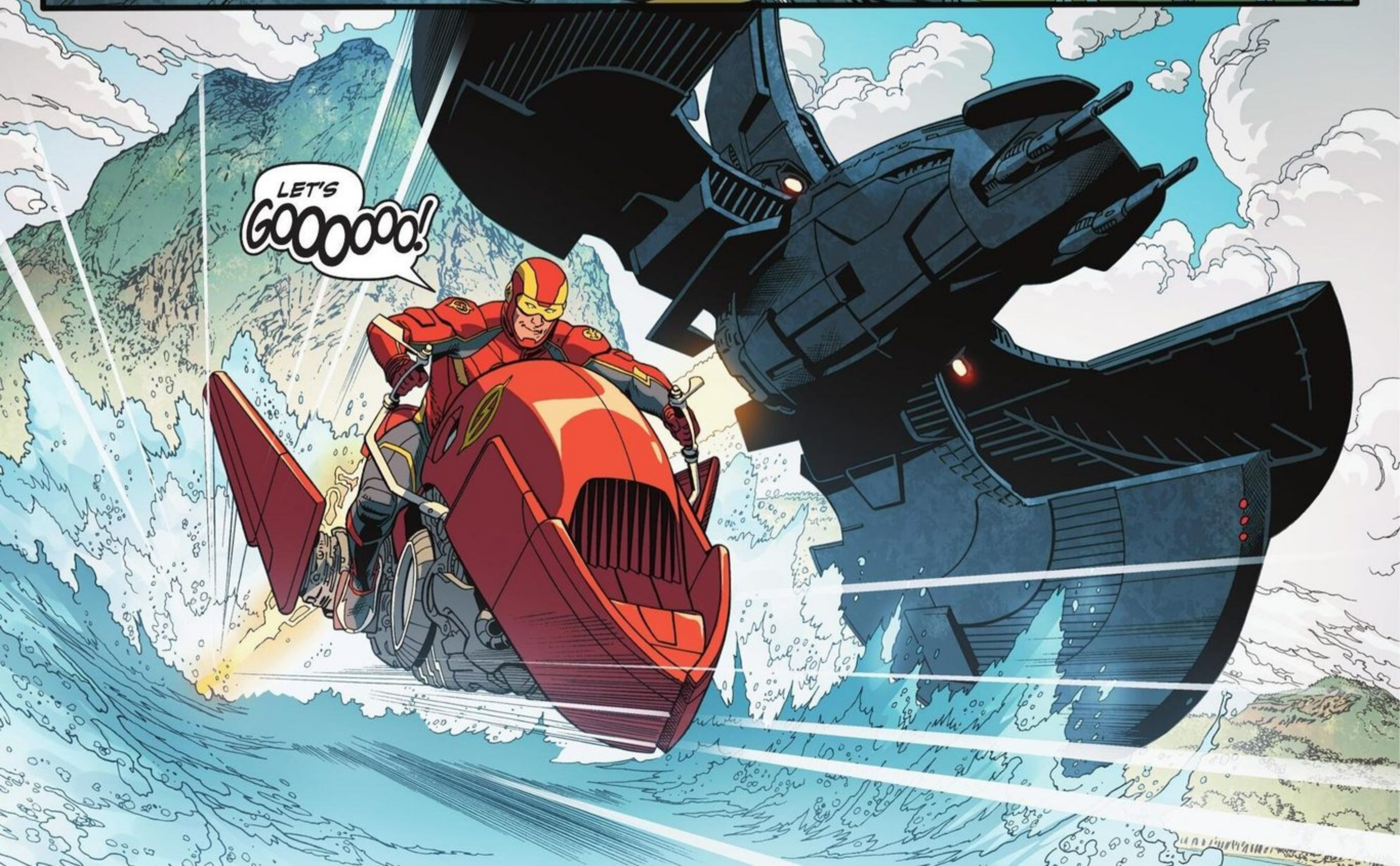
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I FIGURE  
I CAN TAKE YOU  
BACK TO MY FRIENDS.  
THEY'RE HIDING OUT  
IN THE TOWER  
OF FATE.

FATE? NO...  
I CAN'T...I...CAN'T  
GO THERE.



ARE YOU  
OKAY?

NO...I'M  
NOT...NONE OF  
US ARE. *HAWK* IS...  
AND THE LORDS OF  
ORDER AND CHAOS  
ARE *QUIET*. IT'S  
USELESS. IT'S ALL  
SO USELESS!



I SHOULD  
HAVE ENDED IT  
WHEN I HAD THE  
CHANCE! NOW YOU  
HAVE TO DO IT.  
YOU HAVE TO  
*KILL ME!*

*STOP!*  
WHAT'S GOING  
ON WITH YOU?

SHE HAS  
DISCOVERED THE  
TRUTH. THAT NOTHING  
MATTERS...EVERYTHING  
IS MEANINGLESS AND  
THE WORLD IS  
DRAPED IN...



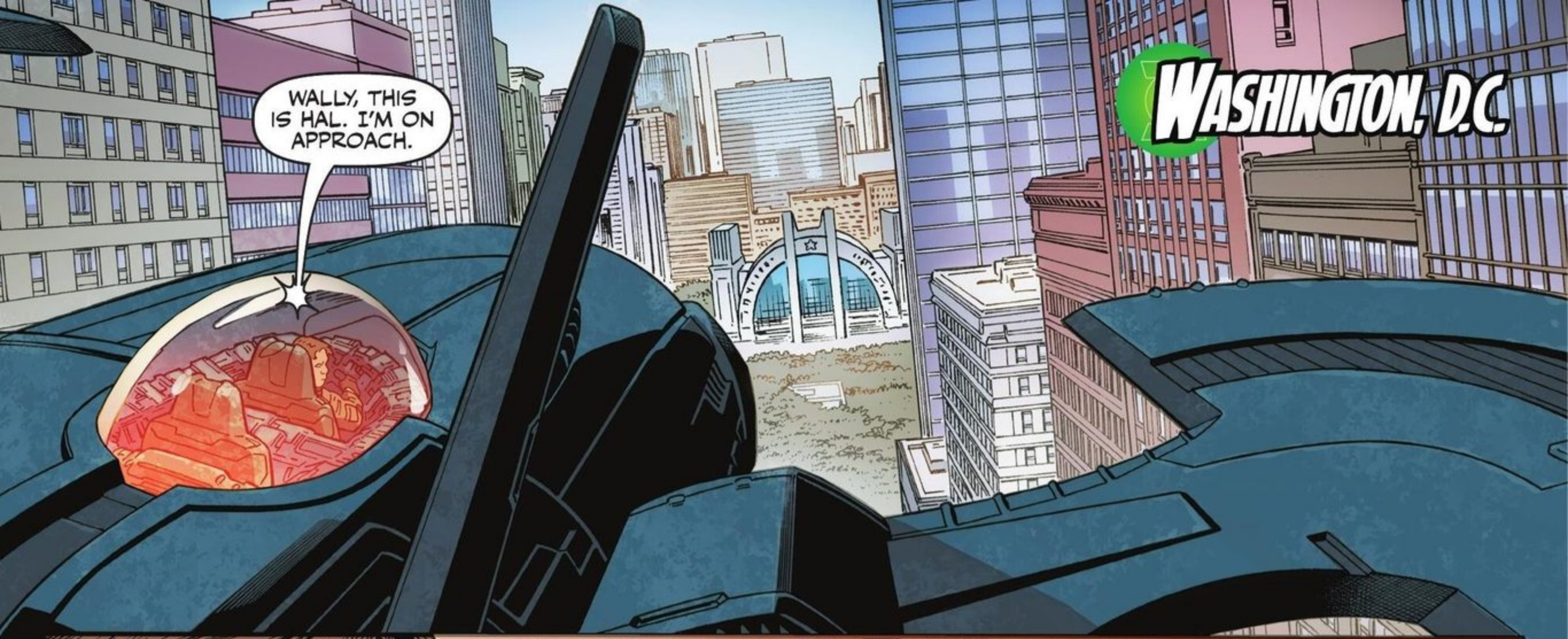


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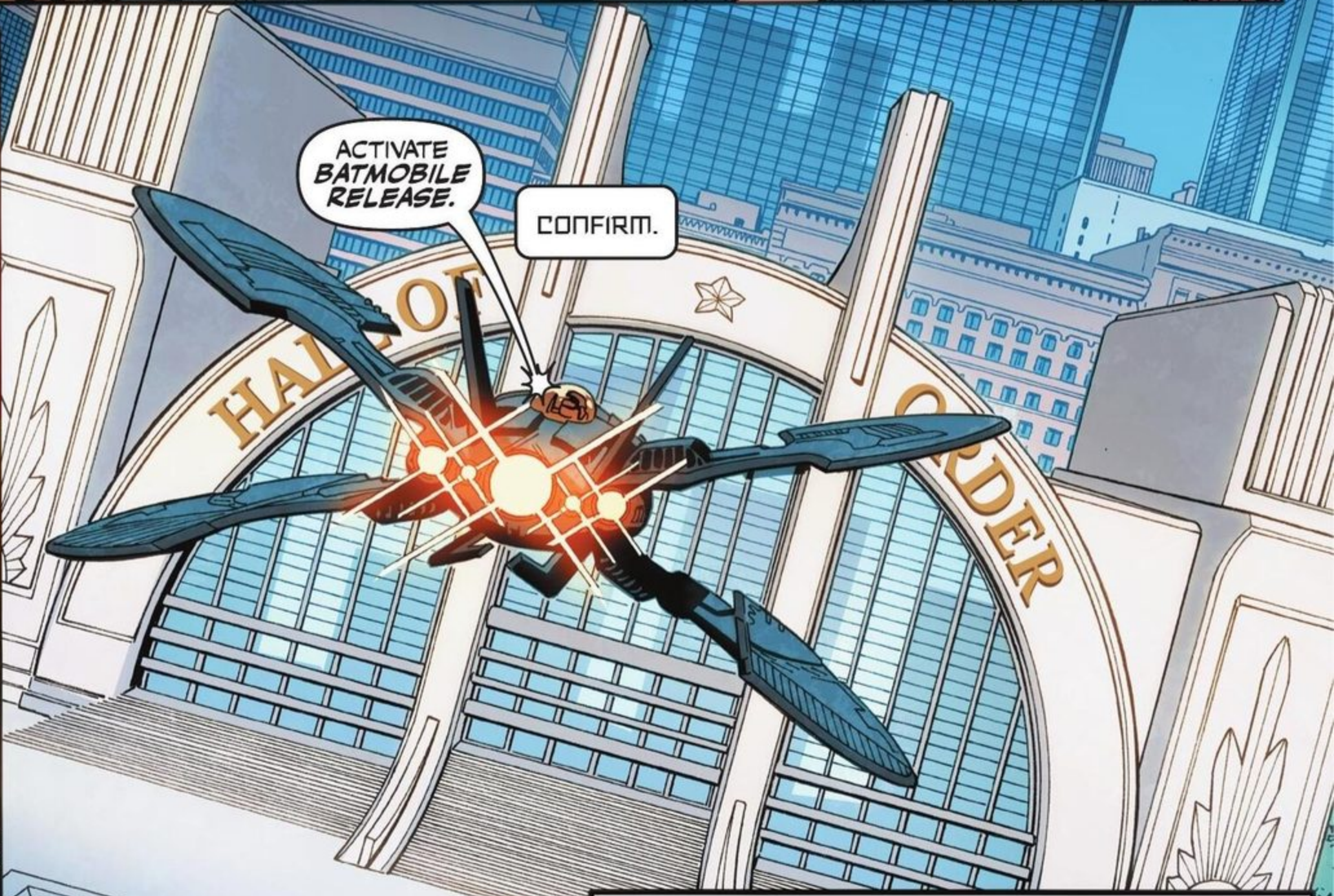


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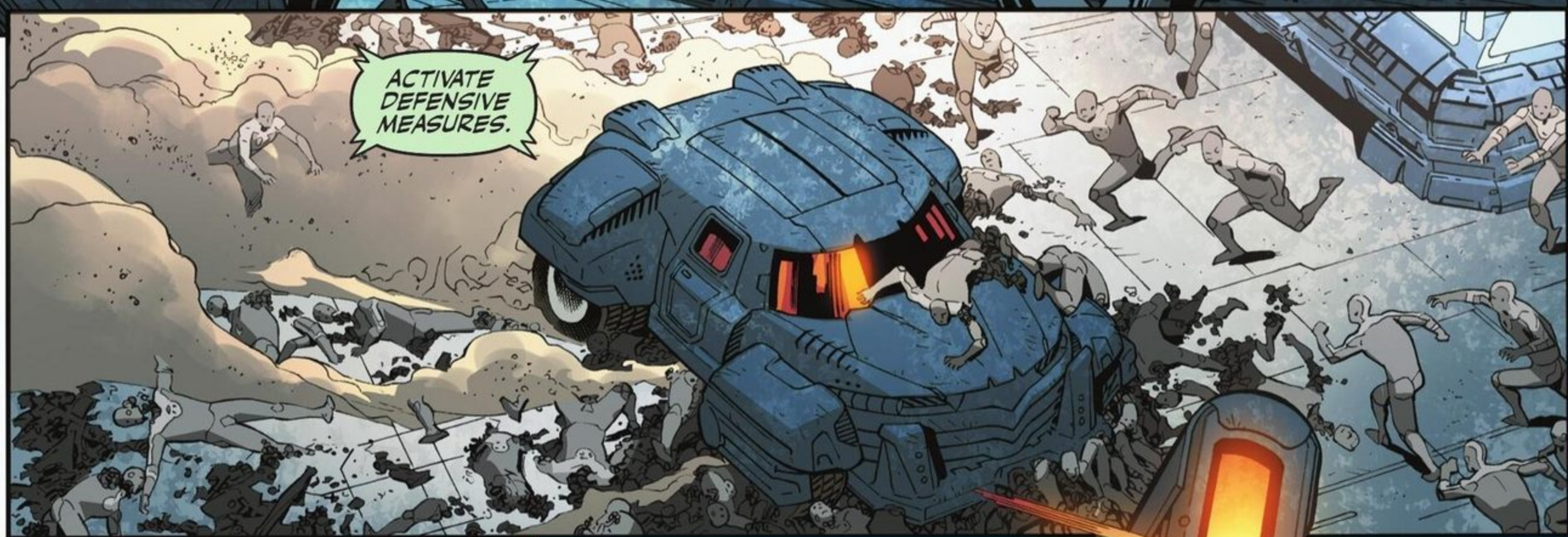
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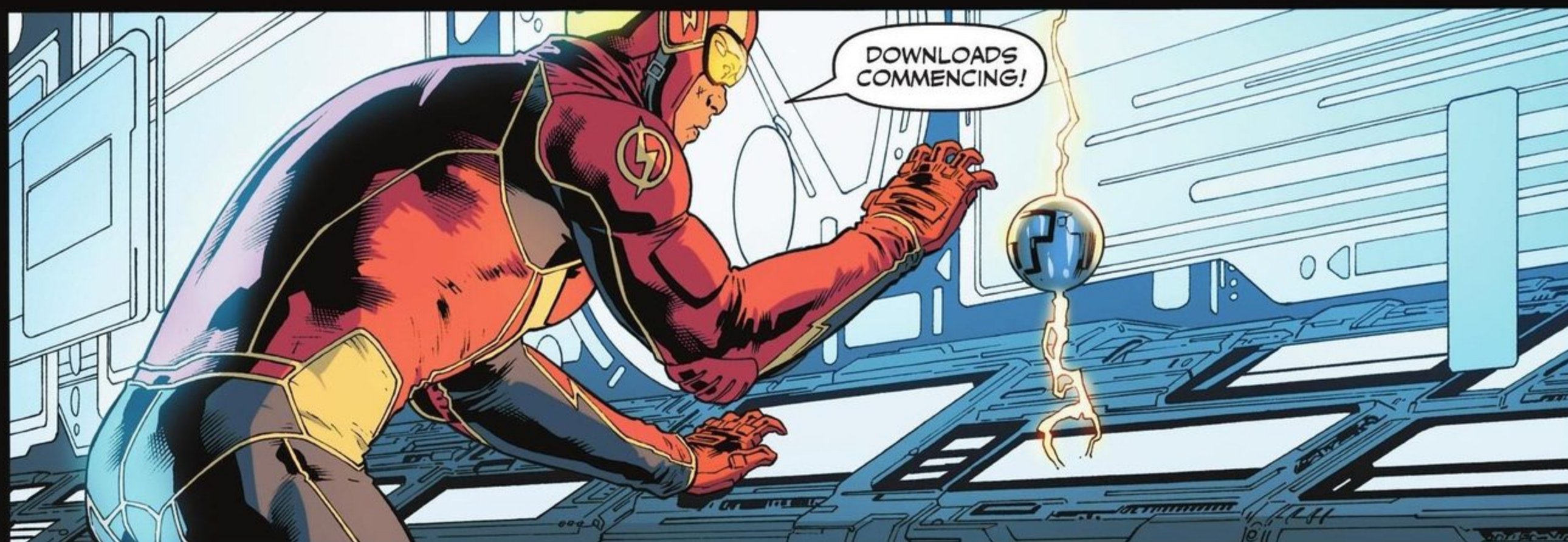
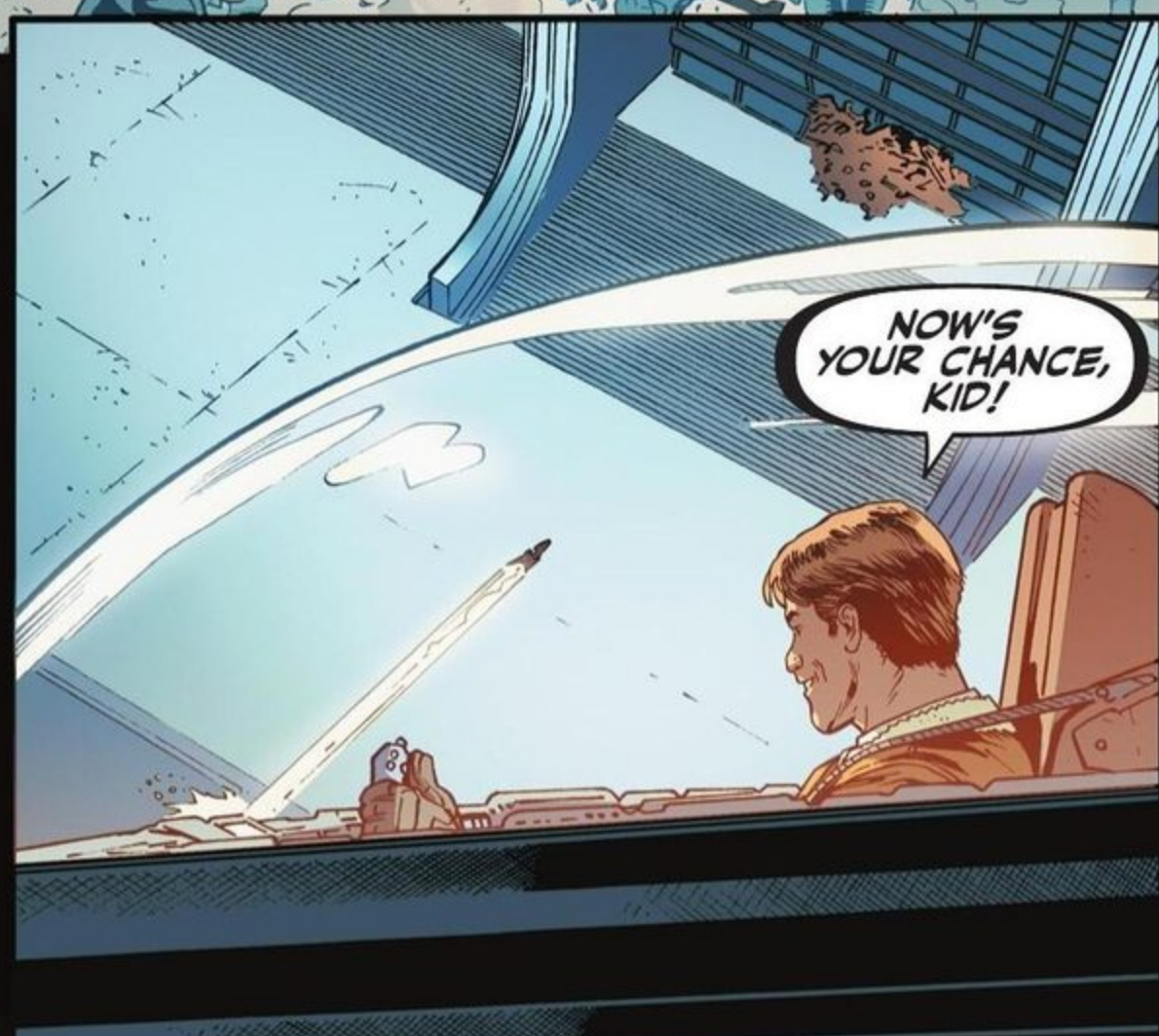
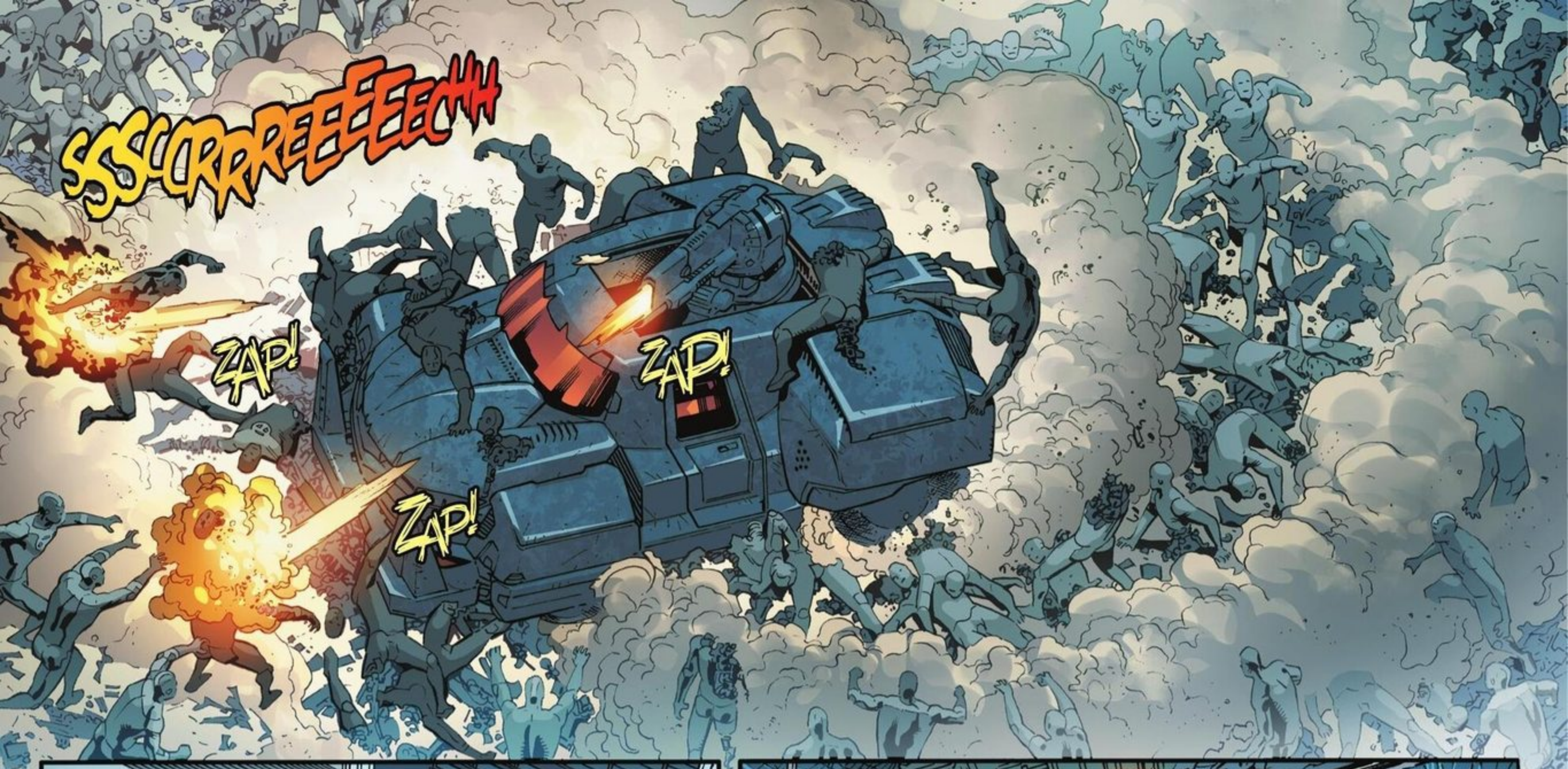


















# THE ISLAND NATION OF GAMORRA.

You have posed many interesting variables, Alan Scott.

This energy...this "Starheart" has given me the ability to think beyond my programming. To choose life...or death. But why should I not choose death?



BECAUSE...JADESTONE... I BELIEVE YOU HAVE A PURPOSE. MEANING. IF YOU CHOOSE TO JUST BE A MACHINE OF DESTRUCTION, YOU WILL INEVITABLY BE DESTROYED. DESTRUCTION BEGETS DESTRUCTION. BUT...



Alternatives?

How will I know where this "meaning" lies?

IF YOU CHOOSE TO BE A FORCE FOR GOOD, YOU WILL NOT ONLY *FIND* MEANING, YOU WILL *GIVE* MEANING TO OTHERS.



I DON'T KNOW... BUT I FEEL LIKE YOU WILL...YOU'LL FIGURE IT OUT WHEN YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO.

Incoming transmission. ...



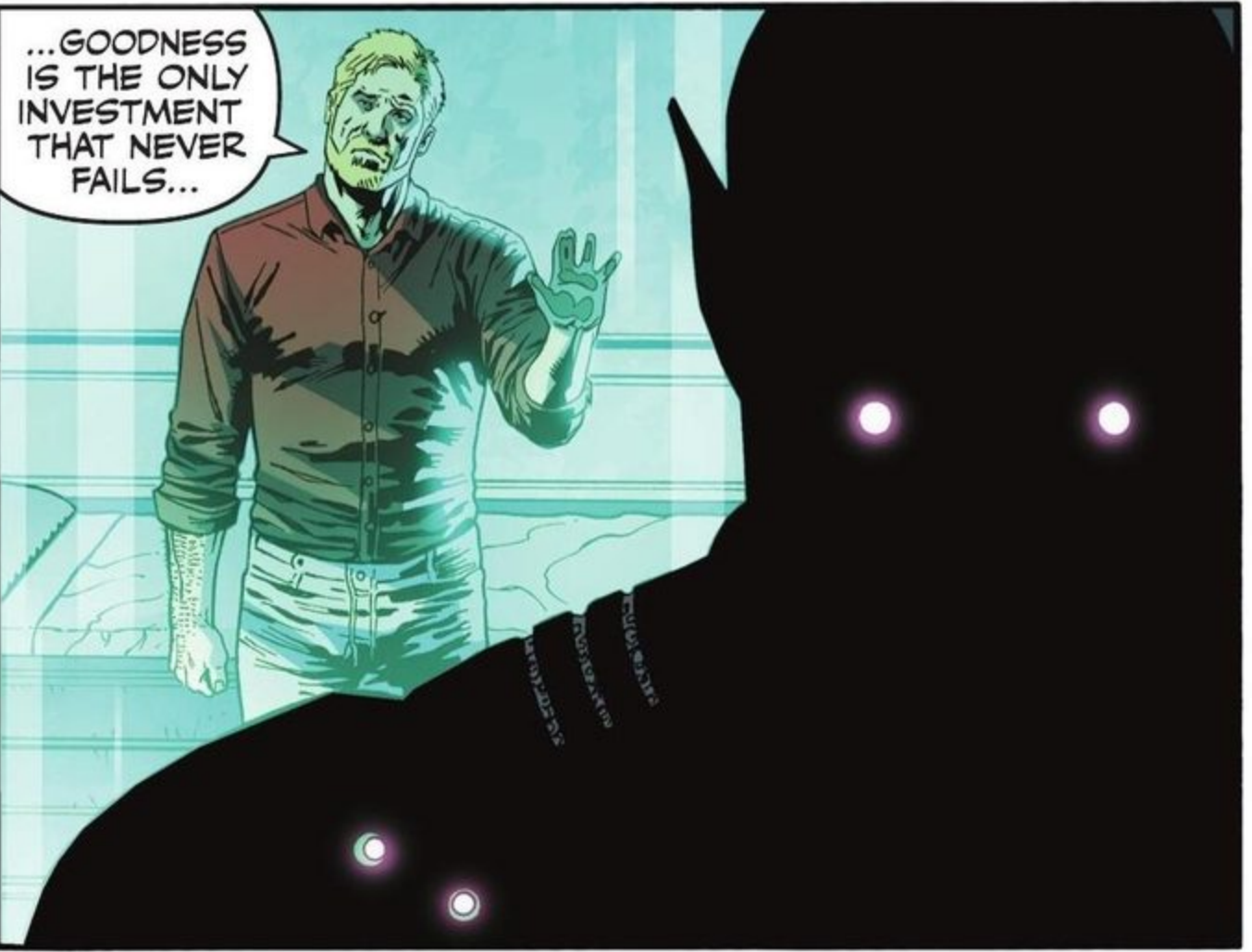
Hal Jordan has attacked the Hall of Order. Amanda Waller has dispatched countermeasures. She requests that I join them.



THEN YOU HAVE A CHOICE. TO BE A WEAPON OF WAR...OR A WEAPON OF GOODNESS...AND, JADESTONE...



...GOODNESS IS THE ONLY INVESTMENT THAT NEVER FAILS...







NATE... NO...  
HE IS GONE. HE  
WAS WEAK. ONLY  
SORROW  
REMAINS.



NOW FEEL  
WHAT YOU HAVE  
DONE. FEEL THE  
PAIN OF LOSS. OF  
SADNESS...



THE SADNESS.  
THE ABSOLUTE  
SADNESS. IT'S  
OVERWHELMING.

YES. IT WAS  
THIS SADNESS THAT  
CHANGED ME. WHEN  
YOU WENT BACK TO  
HIM... WENT BACK TO  
THE MAN THAT  
LEAVES.

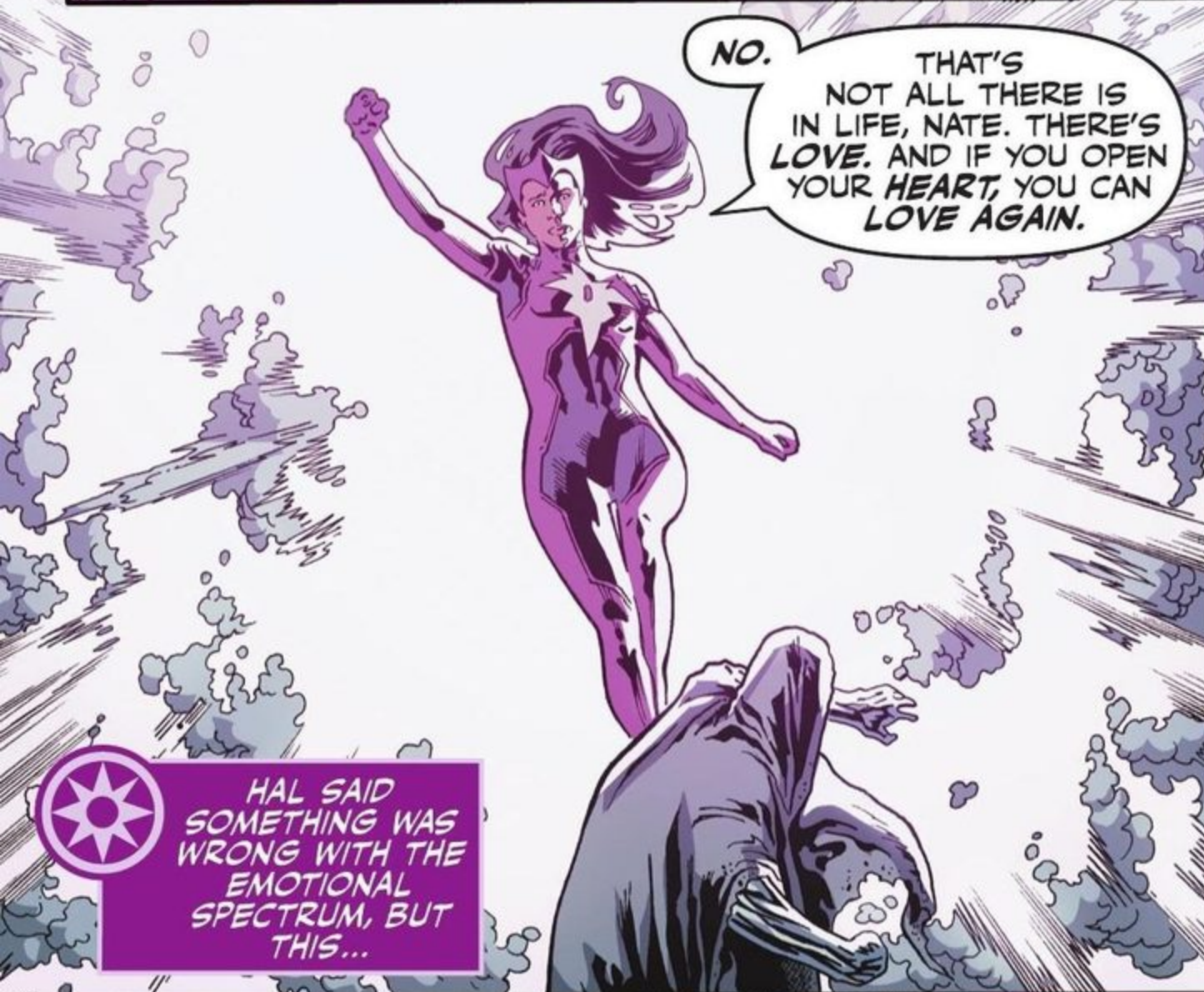


AFTER  
EVERYTHING HE'S  
DONE. AFTER ALL  
THE HEARTBREAK,  
ALL THE TEARS...  
AND YOU STILL  
WENT BACK TO  
HIM... WHY?

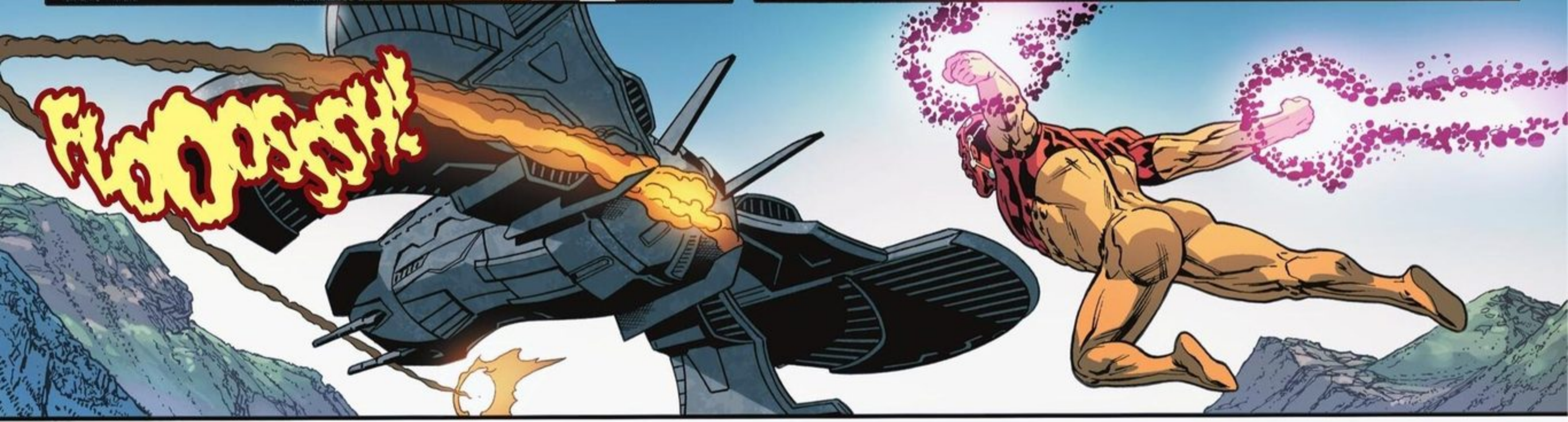
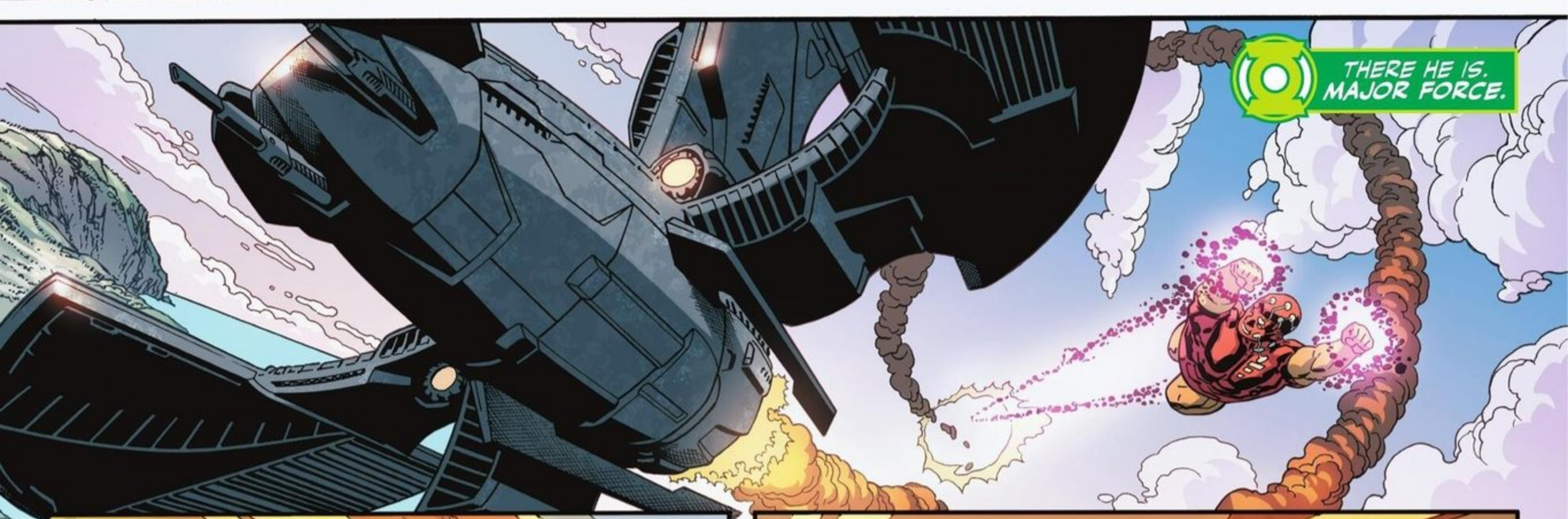


BECAUSE...  
BECAUSE...













NOW IT'S A RACE. I HAVE TO MAKE IT TO THE BATTERY BEFORE HE MAKES IT TO ME.



COME ON, CAPTAIN JORDAN, LET'S SHOW THE BRASS HOW IT'S DONE.



SHRACK! SHRACK! SHRACK!



I'M NOT FAR. I JUST HAVE TO GET INTO THE CAVE AND--



THE QUEEN DEMANDS YOUR DEATH!

WHEW!



INCOMING OBJECT.





Negative. Orders countermanded. I have made my choice!



WHAT WAS... THAT'S THE GUY I FOUGHT EARLIER! HE STOLE ALAN'S POWERS BUT...

SYSTEM FAILURE.

WOOP!  
WOOP!



THAT'S THE NOISE. SHE'S ABOUT TO GO... CRAP.







THE QUEEN DEMANDS HIS ELIMINATION!

I do not answer to the Queen.  
I no longer answer to anyone.



Jadestone makes his own choices.

SHUULUNNNK!



And I choose life.



NO PARACHUTE?! NO PARACHUTE?!  
IS THAT BECAUSE I HAD MY RING  
BEFORE? MAYBE MY JACKET CAN STOP  
THE FALL. MAYBE I CAN SURVIVE.



MAYBE I CAN RECHARGE THE RING BEFORE I GO SPLAT.



IN BRIGHTEST DAY IN BLACKEST NIGHT  
NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT  
LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT--



I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE IT. AT THIS SPEED...  
IT'S OVER... I'M DONE.





I DIDN'T SPLAT...  
WHY DIDN'T I SPLAT?

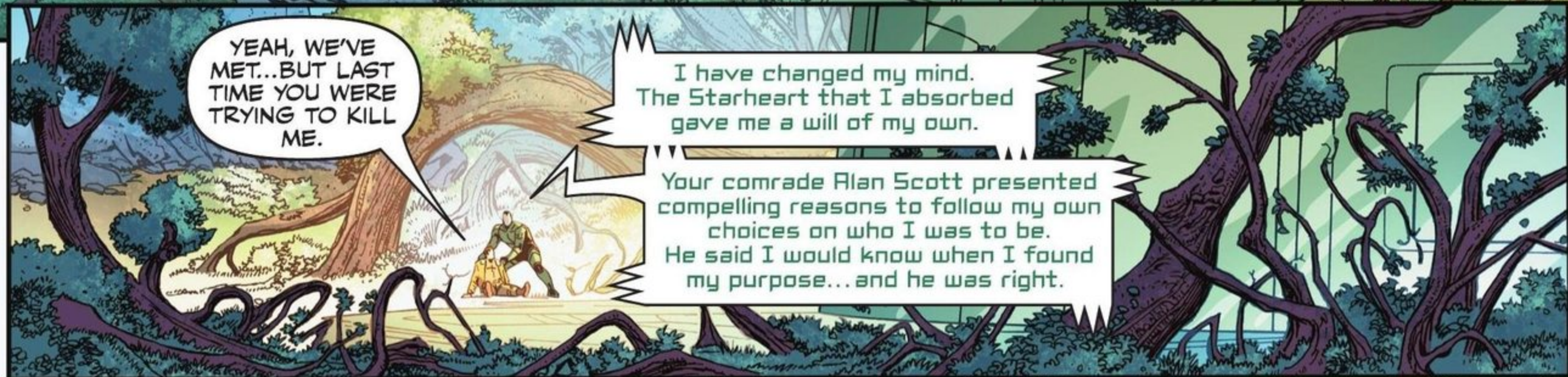
Greetings, Hal Jordan.  
I am called Jadestone.  
I am here to help.



YEAH, WE'VE  
MET...BUT LAST  
TIME YOU WERE  
TRYING TO KILL  
ME.

I have changed my mind.  
The Starheart that I absorbed  
gave me a will of my own.

Your comrade Alan Scott presented  
compelling reasons to follow my own  
choices on who I was to be.  
He said I would know when I found  
my purpose...and he was right.



This place speaks to  
me. It asks me to  
become its protector  
like a... Tom... was  
before me.

TOM KALMAKU?  
MAYBE THIS...THING  
IS THE BATTERY'S  
NEW GUARDIAN?  
UGH...

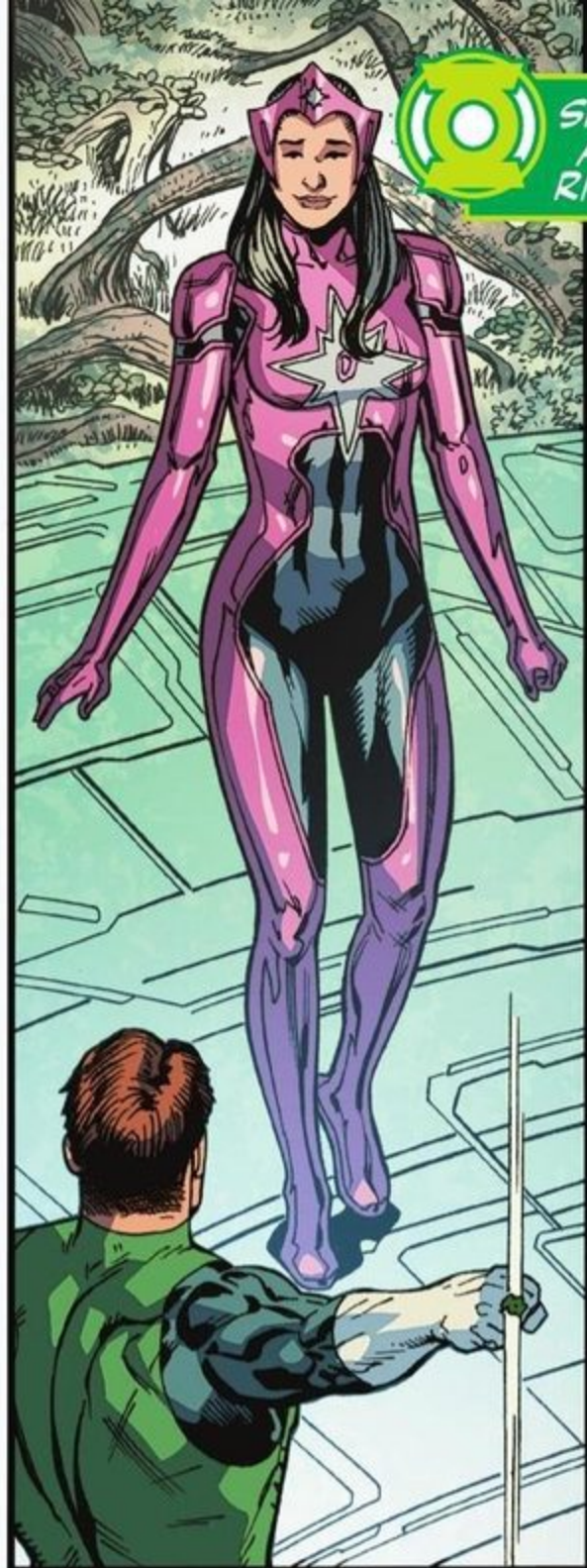


OKAY...I HAVE  
A LOT OF QUESTIONS,  
BUT I DON'T HAVE TIME  
TO ASK THEM RIGHT  
NOW. I HAVE TO FIND  
CAROL. I HAVE TO  
MAKE SURE--

HAL?







 SHE'S ALL RIGHT.



 HE'S OKAY...



HOW DID YOU FIND ME?

WE'RE CONNECTED, HAL. I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT, BUT... IF I CONCENTRATE, I CAN TELL WHERE YOU ARE... IF YOU'RE IN TROUBLE...

I WAS WORRIED. AFTER I WAS CAPTURED--

I KNOW... I WAS WORRIED TOO.



HAL, I HAVE A LOT TO TELL YOU, BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS... I MET HEROES. SOME OF THEM JUST KIDS... PEOPLE THAT WERE WILLING TO LAY DOWN THEIR LIVES FOR OTHERS AT THE DROP OF A HAT.

BEING A HERO... THAT'S A SACRIFICE. I THINK I'M BEGINNING TO SEE WHAT IT IS YOU DO. WHY YOU HAVE TO RUN OFF EVERY SECOND OF THE DAY.



AND?

AND... I THINK I WANT BE A HERO TOO.



WELL THEN, STAR SAPPHIRE. I THINK IT'S TIME WE SAVE THE UNIVERSE...



...TOGETHER.

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ELLIE,  
REMEMBER WHEN  
WE WERE KIDS,  
I ALWAYS WANTED  
TO PLAY TRAINS  
AND YOU DIDN'T  
WANT TO?

UH-HUH.

WHAT DO  
YOU SAY  
NOW?

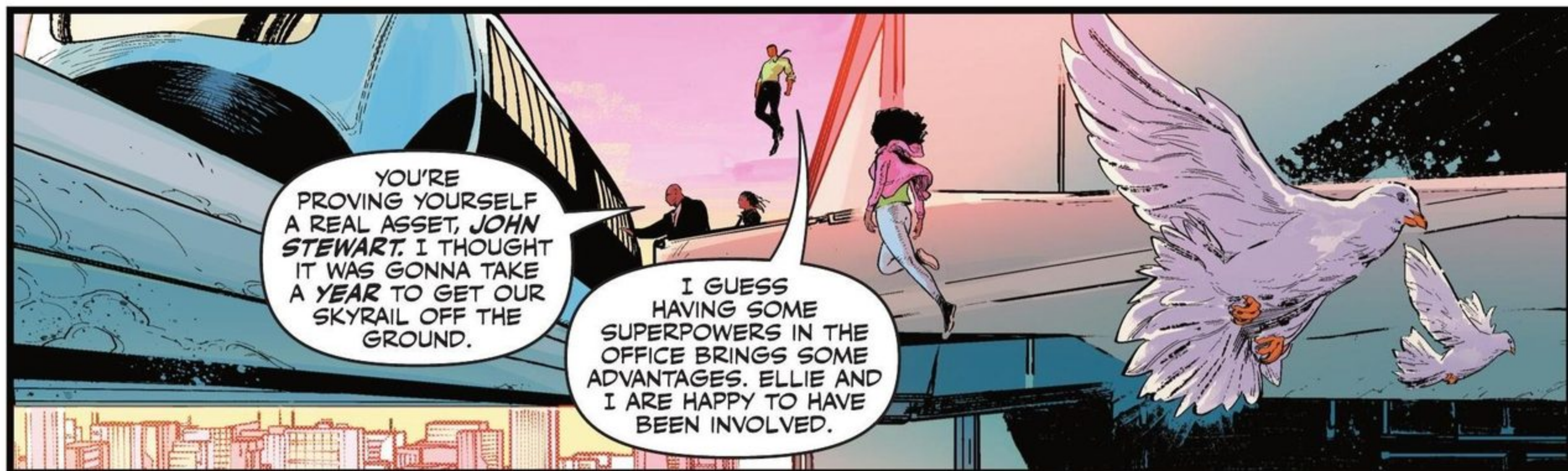
YOU  
WERE RIGHT,  
JOHN.

TRAINS  
ARE FUN.

**GREEN LANTERN  
WAR JOURNAL**  
EPILOGUE: THE FAMILY BUSINESS

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YOU'RE PROVING YOURSELF A REAL ASSET, **JOHN STEWART**. I THOUGHT IT WAS GONNA TAKE A YEAR TO GET OUR SKYRAIL OFF THE GROUND.

I GUESS HAVING SOME SUPERPOWERS IN THE OFFICE BRINGS SOME ADVANTAGES. ELLIE AND I ARE HAPPY TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED.



I DIDN'T HIRE YOU FOR YOUR *POWERS*. YOU'VE GOT A MIND FOR ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING THAT STEELWORKS NEEDS.

YOUR COMBAT EXPERIENCE DOESN'T HURT, EITHER. PRACTICALLY FREE MASS TRANSIT WILL MAKE WAVES WITH THE RICH AND POWERFUL...WE NEED TO BE WATCHFUL.



THE TRAIN'S ALL DONE, MR. IRONS! CAN I TAKE IT DOWN THE TRACK A LITTLE?

SURE, I THINK IT'S READY FOR A TEST RUN. ASSUMING YOUR, AH...*BROTHER* SAYS IT'S OKAY.



RING, WHAT DO YOU THINK? IS THE SKYRAIL READY FOR HER MAIDEN VOYAGE?

ALWAYS ASKING QUESTIONS YOU KNOW THE ANSWERS TO.

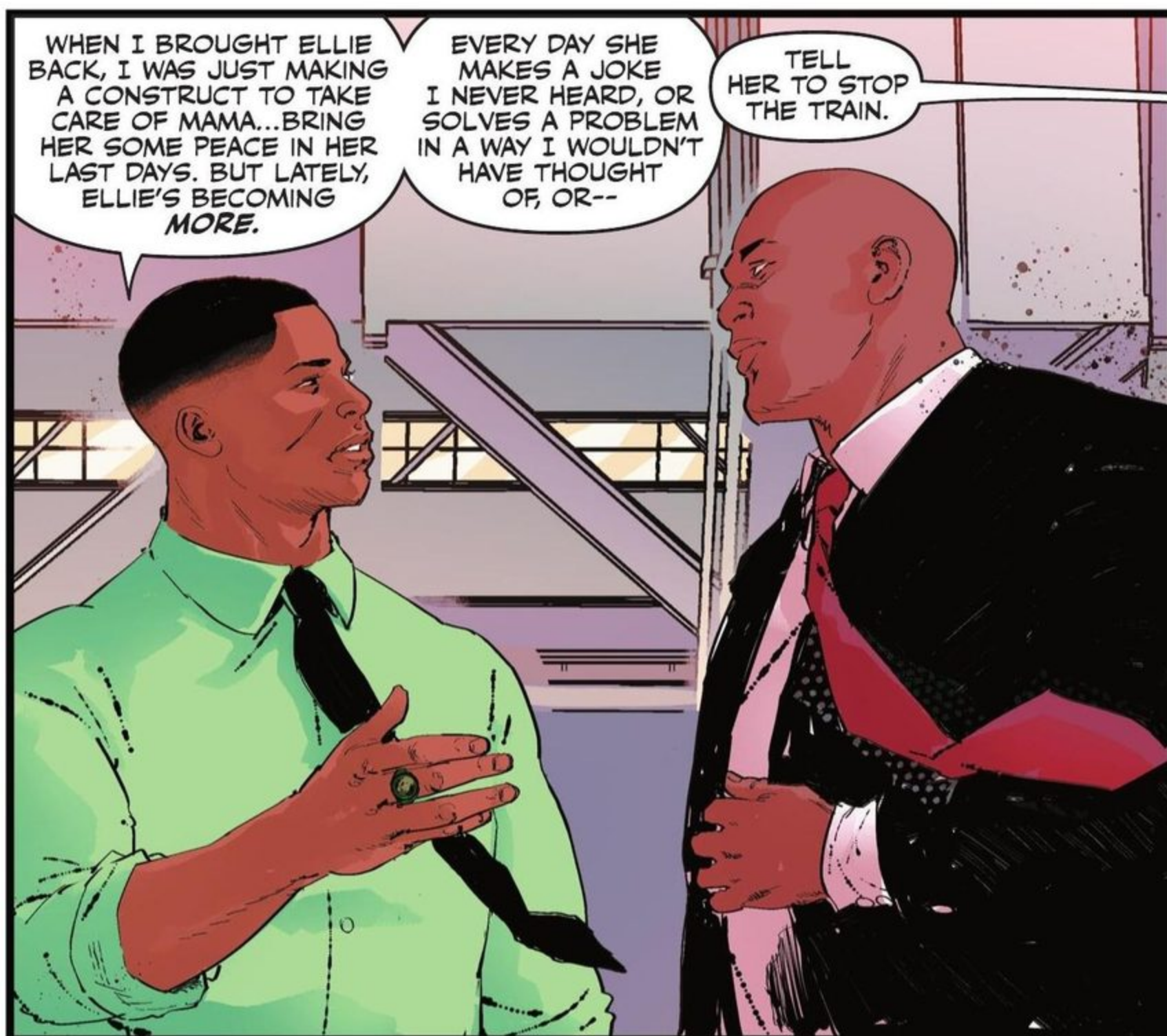
JOHN JUST LIKES HEARING YOUR VOICE, MAMA.



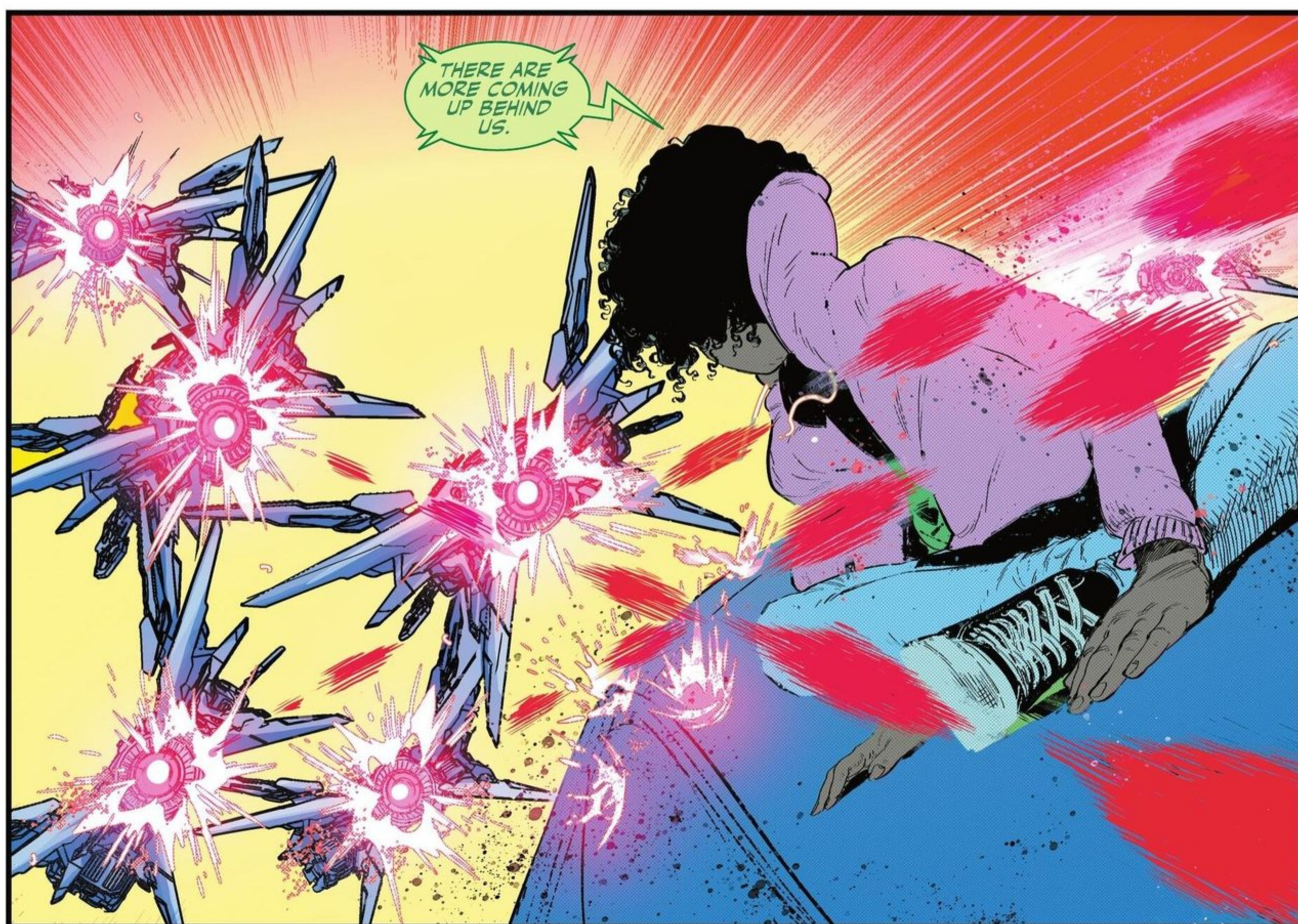
BE CAREFUL, ELLIE-BELL. NOT TOO FAST YOUR FIRST TIME AROUND, PLEASE.

WOO-HOOOOO!





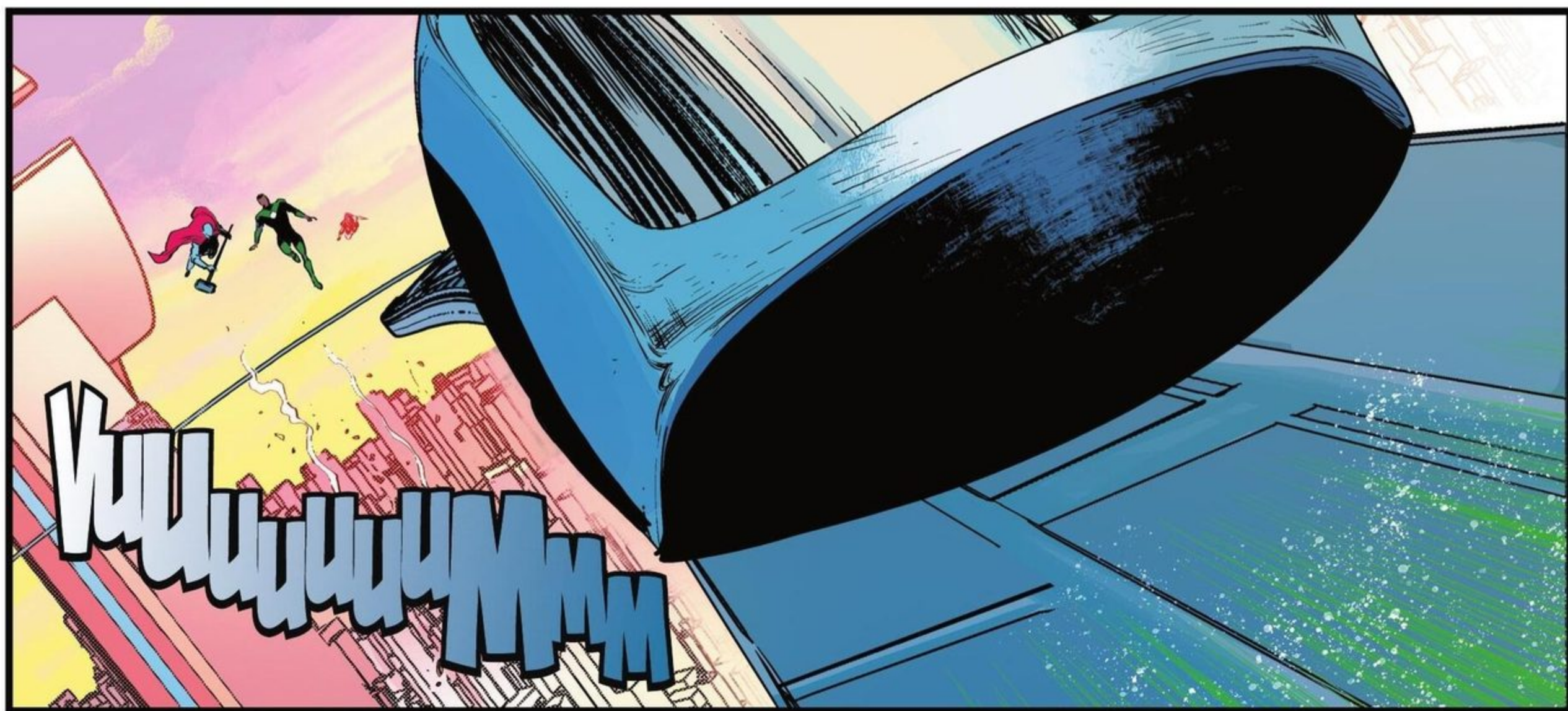
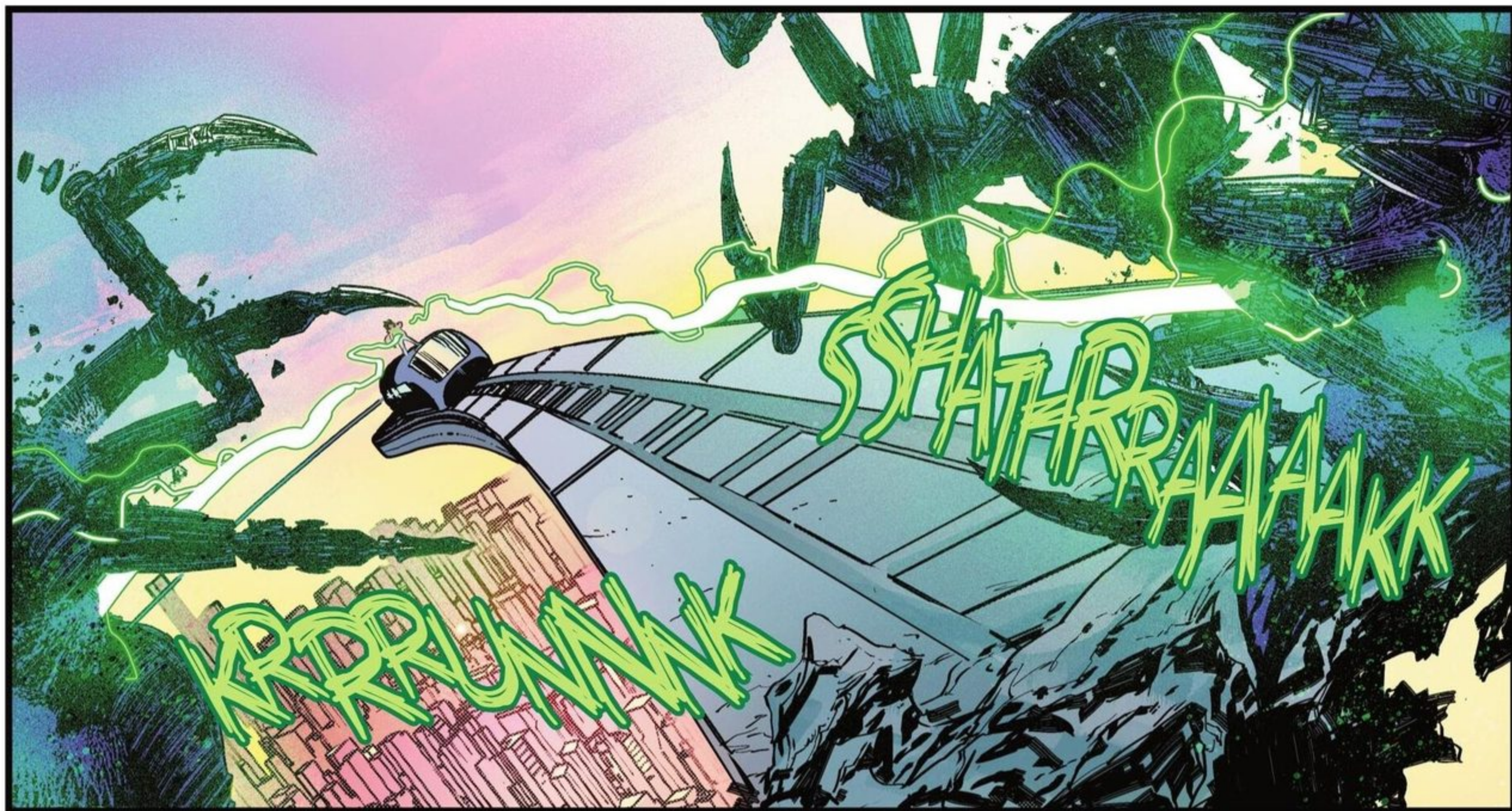




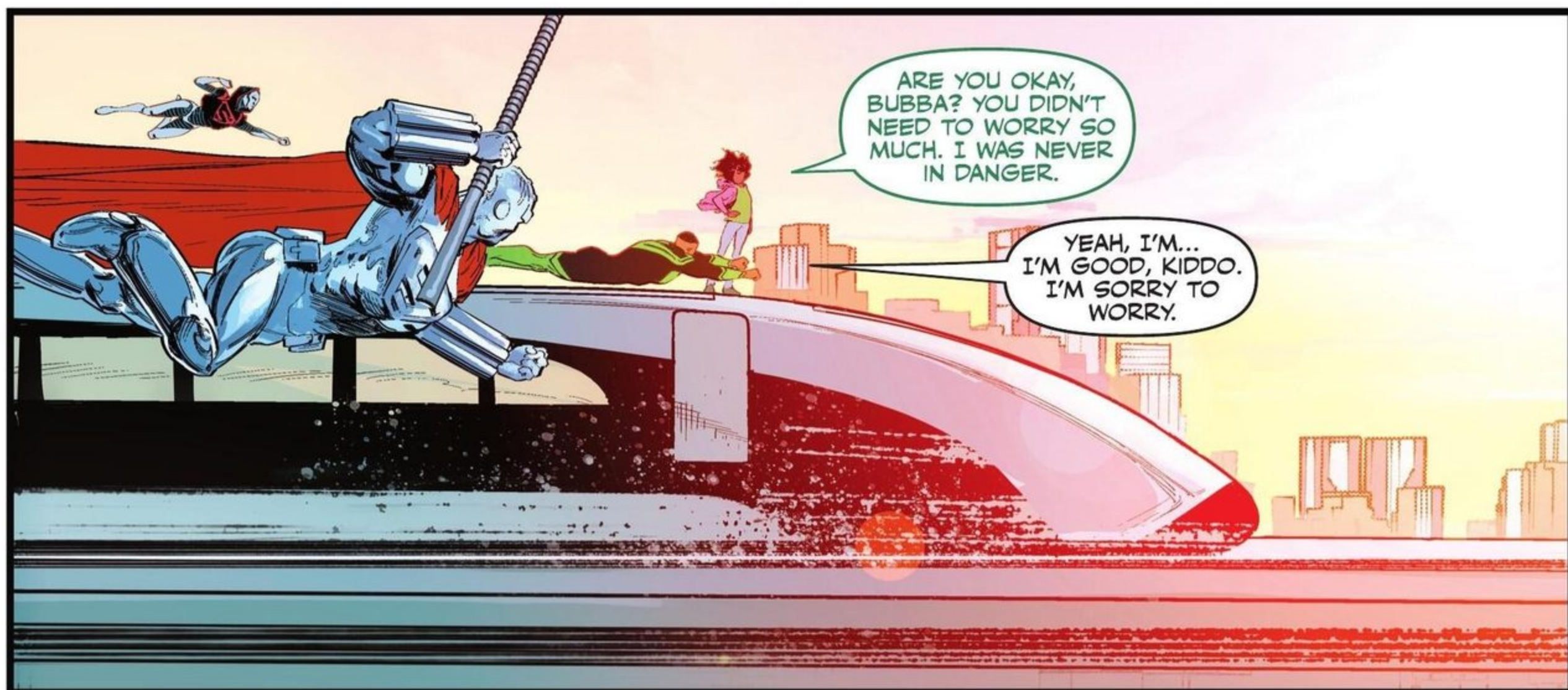






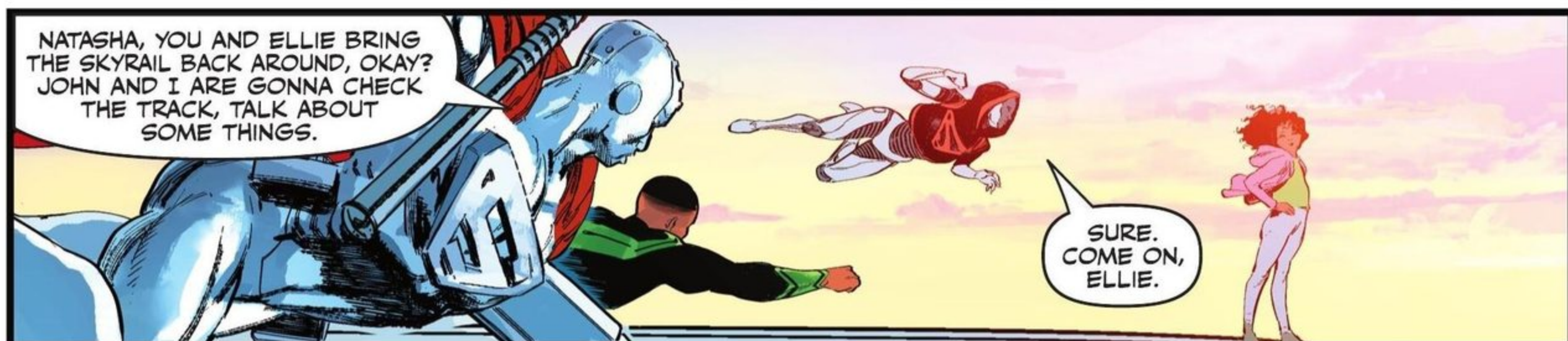






ARE YOU OKAY, BUBBA? YOU DIDN'T NEED TO WORRY SO MUCH. I WAS NEVER IN DANGER.

YEAH, I'M... I'M GOOD, KIDDO. I'M SORRY TO WORRY.



NATASHA, YOU AND ELLIE BRING THE SKYRAIL BACK AROUND, OKAY? JOHN AND I ARE GONNA CHECK THE TRACK, TALK ABOUT SOME THINGS.

SURE. COME ON, ELLIE.



WOO-HOOOOO! GOOD GUYS WIN!



YOU OKAY?

STEEL, HOW DO YOU DO THIS?

FIGHT ALONGSIDE YOUR OWN FAMILY?

I BROUGHT MY FAMILY BACK, BUT...I NEVER HAD TO FIGHT WITH THEM LIKE THIS.

HAVING THEM BACK...AND NOW CARRYING THE DARKSTAR RING, THE BIGGEST TARGET ON MY BACK I'VE EVER HAD...ALL I CAN THINK ABOUT IS LOSING THEM AGAIN.







FIGHTING  
ALONGSIDE  
NATASHA *IS* HARD  
SOMETIMES. BUT  
IT HELPS TO KNOW  
I NEVER REALLY  
HAD ANY SAY  
IN IT.

NATASHA  
WOULD *TELL*  
*YOU* SHE LEARNED  
THE LIFE FROM ME.  
BUT SHE ALWAYS  
WOULD'VE FOUND  
HER WAY HERE.  
IT'S JUST IN  
*HER*.

WHEN NAT AND  
SUPERMAN CAME  
BACK FROM WARWORLD,  
THEY BROUGHT TWO  
REFUGEE KIDS WITH THEM.  
ONE HAD THE POWER  
OF AN *OLD GOD*  
INSIDE HIM.



NOW  
YOU'RE BACK  
FROM DEEP  
SPACE, WEARING  
AN ANCIENT *RING*...  
WITH THE POWER  
OF AN OLD GOD  
INSIDE *THAT*.



I DON'T LOOK FOR SIGNS  
OR HIDDEN MEANING IN THINGS.  
BUT ONLY AN *IDIOT* WOULD  
IGNORE THE THINGS I'VE  
SEEN LATELY.

I CAN'T TELL  
YOU WHAT'S IN  
YOUR FUTURE,  
*GREEN*  
LANTERN...



...BUT  
I THINK IT'S  
GONNA BE  
*BIG*.

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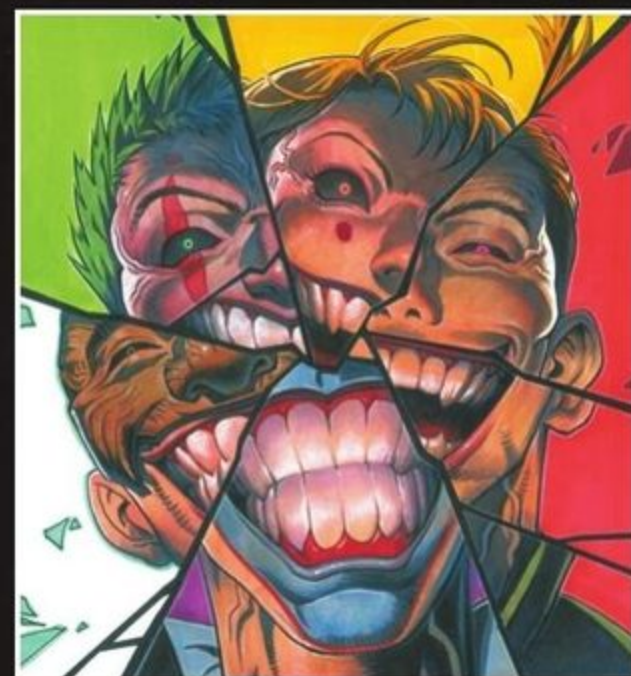
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